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To Whom it may Concern:

I have read the documents associated with the Microsoft anti-trust case. As a user of a non-Microsoft operating system, I feel that more should be done to allow for the interoperation of non-Microsoft operating systems with Windows, and also with programs, particularly the MS Office Suite. I'm not sure what the best solution would be, but I have personally seen the effects of closed file formats on operating systems. I have known people who have been prevented from trying non-Windows operating systems by the fear of not being able to run MS Office. They need to run MS Office, because none of the many freely available word processing systems can properly understand Microsoft's closed file formats. If these formats were to be publicly documented, then free alternatives could support the files, and other operating systems would not be unfairly disadvantaged. In light of this, I think more needs to be done before Microsoft is let off the hook for years of anticompetitive business practices that have put so many companies out of business. That said, I want to thank you all for working diligently on my behalf in this matter. I am confident that you will be able to come up with a new agreement that better serves the public interest and that will make Microsoft play fair and allow it to succeed by excellence, innovation and competition rather than dishonest business.

Sincerely,

-Andrew Perez-Lopez  
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